IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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OPTICAL NETWORK USING DYNAMIC UNICAST

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action dated April 7, 2009, which specified a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 39.